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**Navajo Department of Health issues new Public Health Orders to allow “drive-in” gatherings with safety protocols and extends duration of daily curfew**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – The Navajo Department of Health approved Public Health Order No. 2020-013, which extends the duration of the daily curfew from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (MDT) until further notice, and Public Health Order No. 2020-014, which encourages individuals to practice personal responsibility of sheltering in place and to allow "drive-in" gatherings with specific safety protocols.

With the continued rise of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths in Navajo Nation, the new Public Health Orders are designed to further combat the spread of the virus while providing updated guidance on curfews and safe management of public gatherings.

Public Health Order No. 2020-013 states that the daily curfew applies to all individuals. All individuals should remain home during the curfew hours except in the event of an emergency. Essential businesses are required to limit operations before 6:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. (MDT) to allow for customers to adhere to the curfew. The daily curfew exempts essential employees with official documentation or a letter of designation from their employer with official letterhead and contact information for verification.

Public Health Order No. 2020-014 recommends that individuals on the Navajo Nation continue practicing sheltering in place and that individuals can leave home to conduct essential activities to ensure their health, safety, and welfare, including grocery shopping or visiting the pharmacy.

The order also permits "drive-in" gatherings of any size if event organizers and participants comply with the following requirements:

- Participants must remain in their vehicles for the entire event
- All vehicle occupants must be from the same household
- Participants must maintain a six-foot distance from other vehicles
- Organizers and participants wear face masks
- No more than five people in public restrooms at the same time
- Ensures that people have access to handwashing stations, sanitizers, or gloves
- Ensures that high-touch surfaces are regularly disinfected

Gatherings include parking lots or areas with internet access, religious services, funeral services, graduations and promotions, fireworks displays, and other events.

The Navajo Department of Health is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of the Navajo People, and manages efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic on the Navajo Nation.

For more general COVID-19 information, helpful prevention tips, and more resources, please visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website at <http://www.ndoh.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19> or on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: search @navajodephealth. To contact the primary Navajo Health Command Operations Center, please email mailto: coronavirus.info@nndoh.org or call (928) 871-7014.

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*Editors' Note: Media may contact the Navajo Health Command Operations Center at (928) 274-2758 for additional background on the new Public Health Orders or to coordinate an interview with a member of the Navajo Health Command Operations Center.*

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